

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

Independent claims 1, 12 and 13 have been amended to delete the recitations of Alk¹ and R², to move the recitation of R¹ to be after the recitation of R^e, as R¹ is now a possible substituent of R^e, and to delete “methyl” from the recitation of Cy¹. The spelling of methoxyphenyl has been corrected.

Claim 9 has been amended to delete the words “solvate” and “hydrate.”

Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to delete the word “prodrug.”

Claims 12-21 are withdrawn without prejudice pursuant to the earlier restriction requirement, applicants expressly reserving the right to bring these claims in a subsequent related application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Examiner’s withdrawal of the earlier Section 112 rejection with respect to “a linker atom or group” is acknowledged with appreciation.

It is believed that the present amendments to the claims as set forth above are sufficient to overcome the remaining grounds of rejection under Section 112.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Examiner’s withdrawal of the previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is noted with appreciation.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103 – Provisional Double Patenting

Terminal Disclaimers with respect to U.S. 7,176,215 and US 2006/0025428 are submitted herewith.

Conclusion

The Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-3362 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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